



## The president speaks: Prevention is best: Lessons from protecting the ozone layer

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### Abstract:

The Montreal Protocol was signed 25 years ago. As a result, the irreversible destruction of the ozone layer was prevented. However, stratospheric ozone will not recover completely until 2060 and the consequent epidemic in skin cancer cases will persist until 2100. Many millions of patients with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease have safely switched from chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-powered metered-dose inhalers (MDIs) to either hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) or DPIs. China will be the last country to phase out CFCs by 2016. HFCs are global warming gases which will be controlled in the near future. HFCs in MDIs may be phased out over the next 10-20 years.

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Unspecified Exposure

#### Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

#### Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

#### Health Co-Benefit/Co-Harm (Adaption/Mitigation): ☒

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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#### Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

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Health Outcome Unspecified

## **Medical Community Engagement:** ☒

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

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## **Mitigation/Adaptation:** ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Mitigation

## **Resource Type:** ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

## **Timescale:** ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified